THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have met the LPG demand of their registered customers in full before and after 31st October, 2004 and have not come across instances of hoarding by their distributors in Dehli. The customer service cell of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) was not functioning on 30th and 31st October, 2004 owing to non-working days. IOCL has been advised to make arrangements for functioning of their Customers Service Cell on non-working days also.

(b) and (c) Any specific matters brought to the attention of Government or the Oil Marketing Companies of any deliberate creation of artificial scarcity will be investigated and acted upon in accordance with extant Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Petro-chemical complex and SEZ at Mangalore

531. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mangalore in Karnataka has been identified for locating the Petro-chemical complex and Special Economic Zone after detailed techno-economic feasibility study and is in the process of being implemented;

(b) if so, the details in this regard with particulars of the organizations, associated with the project with their respective stake therein;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is a talk of shifting the above project to some other State; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), on behalf of the public sector oil companies, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the State Government of Karnataka that, *inter-alia,* envisages setting up a Petrochemical complex. The project proposal is at a conceptual stage, and pending completion of the detailed feasibility study, the structure and respective stakes of the participating companies is yet to be firmed up.

(c) There is no proposal to shift the Petrochemical project envisaged in the MoU to any other State.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.